

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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Opposition to H.R. 2671

The Clear Law Enforcement for Criminal Alien Removal Act of 2003 (The CLEAR Act) would require police officers to take on a new role. On July 9, 2003, H.R. 2671 (Norwood), The CLEAR Act was introduced. This legislation includes language which would require state and local law governments to enact a statute authorizing its law enforcement officers to enforce federal immigration laws in the course of carrying out the officer's law enforcement duties. This new responsibility will be a condition for receiving State Criminal Alien Assistant Program (SCAAP) funding.

This bill is currently being debated in Congress, and the Los Angeles City Council is opposing H.R. 2671. It is a long-established County policy that Sheriff deputies not become deportation agents because it would destroy the trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement. This trust is central to community policing. States and local governments should determine any change in policy and not the Federal government.

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Yaroslavsky	_____
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Antonovich	_____
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I, THEREFORE MOVE, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS oppose H.R. 2671 (Norwood) and direct our Washington advocates to oppose the CLEAR Act of 2003.

I, FURTHER MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer and the Sheriff to report back in 30 days about the potential fiscal impact that H.R. 2671 could have on the County's budget and the impact it could have on public safety and the criminal justice system.

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